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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: METHOD OF REDUCING SURFACE  
CONTAMINATION IN SEMICONDUCTOR  
WET-PROCESSING VESSELS

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated April 14, 2004 (Paper No. 20040405), finally rejecting claims 1, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 15, 17, 18, 20-22, 25-27, 44, 61, 62, 64, 66-71, and 73-77, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 15 of this paper.